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Friends:

This past week, my colleagues and I approved the Mayor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The funding calls for an investment in basic city services such as repairing streets and trimming trees, and a commitment to maintaining the health and well-being of our neighborhoods for every Angeleno.

In this Budget, we are taking great measures to face our homelessness crisis head on by expanding our engagement, increasing the amount of resources to keep our streets cleaner, and providing even more help to those who want to live off the streets. Here are just some of the highlights that were approved for the 13th District:

- \$800,000 for various Pedestrian Tunnel Closures at local schools
- \$980,000 for the Silver Lake Blvd Underpass Arch Project
- \$294,000 for the Alvarado Street Bulkhead Replacement Project
- \$531,000 for Glendale Blvd/Silver Lake Blvd Rockfall Mitigation Project
- \$100,000 for Midnight Stroll Transgender After Hours Cafe

I want to thank Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City Departments, as well as my colleagues on the Budget and Finance Committee, for working with my office to approve these items that will improve the safety and health of our neighborhoods. I look forward to working with you on implementing these projects.

Kind regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

This weekend, we remember those who sacrificed their lives while serving our country. The Offices of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday and reopen on Tuesday, May 29.

HEADLINES

\$9.9 Billion dollar Los Angeles city budget approved [[KPCC](#)]

Safety measures announced for Baxter Street in Echo Park [[LA Times](#)]

O'Farrell awards LGBT Youth Leadership scholarship [[Beverly Press](#)]

LA RIVER RECREATION ZONE BEGINS 5/28

EASTSIDER LA - The LA River is reopening on Memorial Day for another summer of kayaking, fishing and hiking. For those concerned about the water quality, Councilmember O'Farrell has worked to ensure there are notification measures in place to alert the public of poor water quality.

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TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ECHO PARK - This past week, our Council District 13 Clean Team focused on the Echo Park area near Baxter Street and Lake Shore Avenue to help clear the pathway for pedestrians on some of LA's steepest streets. If you see an area that

needs attention, please contact Sylvan De La Cruz in our District Office at 213-207-3015.

SELMA AVE TEMPORARY CLOSURE

HOLLYWOOD - Beginning next month, the City of Los Angeles will be performing roadway and pedestrian improvements on Selma Avenue, between Las Palmas Avenue and Schrader Boulevard, as part of the ongoing Safe Routes to School Project aimed at enhancing pedestrian safety around schools in the Hollywood area.

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A NEW LOOK FOR UTILITY BOXES

BEVERLY PRESS - Mundane utility boxes on the Walk of Fame received a major facelift this week. Ten boxes along Hollywood Boulevard now feature the famous visages of Hollywood's leading actresses, including Elizabeth Taylor, Nichelle Nichols, Laura Dern and Lucille Ball.

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LGBT HERITAGE MONTH KICK OFF

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

ATWATER VILLAGE - Councilmember O'Farrell kicked-off the Memorial Day

weekend by raising a new American flag at the World War II Memorial Bridge which was dedicated 100 years ago. Joining the Councilmember: firefighters from Station 26 as well as Rueben Martinez from the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council.

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